

**Village of Lovington
Regular Board Meeting
July 08, 2013**

Call to order: President Jim Minor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Minor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call found the following trustees to be present: Doug Smith, Roger Walker, Pam Anklaam, Dennis Garmon, David Eckel, and Barry Morgan. President Jim Minor and Clerk Alma Fair were also present. Treasurer Katie Stanley was absent.

Guests present were Patty Bailey, Kris Evans, Shawn T. Evans, Meta Creek, Al Rennert and Florence Hallford.

Those noted as requesting to speak were Patty Bailey, Shawn T. Evans, Meta Creek and Al Rennert.

1. **Meta Creek for the Alumni Board regarding Homecoming 2013 (October 19, 2013)** – request \$500.00 to be used for general expenses for Homecoming.
A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Anklaam to donate \$500.00 to the Lovington Alumni for expenses.
YEA: Smith, Walker, Anklaam, Morgan, Eckel, Garmon. **MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Patty Bailey asked why the water in the west end of town was so yellow. She lives on Allen Street. Garmon stated that she is on the last street in town and the mains on the west side are old. Bailey also said the water smells. It was asked if the is anywhere in town that the water isn't yellow or smells. Answer – yes- the east side of town is on a new water main and it doesn't smell or yellow. It was recommended to flush the mains on the west end of town. Eckel will have the workers do that.
Patty Bailey also wanted to know what she needs to do to get a special use permit to have a beauty shop in her mom's house, located on Route 32 on the west side of town. She has been waiting for three months now. Walker stated if you live in the house you can have a business there as long as no neighbor has a complaint about it. She then asked if she could have the property rezoned. Smith said it would be hard to rezone because of the residence around the property. Walker asked for this to be tabled so he can talk to Mike Castelli, the zoning board chairmen. Bailey would really like to have a special use permit.
3. Shawn Evans wants to hear what Roger Walker has to say regarding the update on the Virginia Drive right of way survey. Walker asked if the board minded if he spoke on the matter now so that Mr. Evans wouldn't have to wait. President Minor told him to present his report now. Walker reported that he contacted a surveyor and he would only charge the Village \$500.00. He did some surveying but not to the extent that Walker requested. The surveyor will be here again next week and Walker is to meet with him. He wishes to have the railroad right of way surveyed from the Baptist church to Shawn Evans property. (See attached map) With him marking everything behind the homes and then install signs posting the Village of Lovington property. Regarding the property between Evans and the old Grant house – Jeremy found there was to be a cul-de-sac there and grass has grown out into the cul-de-sac. Recommend that we clean out and create a cul-de-sac again. It was also recommended that we take our alley all the way down the west side of the addition. Mr. Evans stated he had his deed showing his property. He was concerned that he would have been taxed incorrectly. Walker recommended this be tabled until next meeting so we have time to have it surveyed properly.
4. Al Rennert requested one block on Church Street be blocked for the Vacation Bible School.
A **Motion** was made by Eckel and seconded by Anklaam to block off the one block N of the Christian Church from Rt. 32 W. to Main Street, July 22-25 for Vacation Bible School from 5 pm to 7 pm.
YEA: Walker, Anklaam, Morgan, Eckel, Garmon, Smith **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business

1. **Discussion and action on 2012 property taxes for 112 E. State Street (Stovall property)**
Fair stated that the past due property taxes for the years 2010 & 2011 have been paid by the Village and the current taxes are now due but they are still in Stovall's name. Minor stated the attorney has been contacted to get the property in the Village's name.
A **Motion** was made by Garmon and seconded by Eckel to pay the 2012 taxes on the Stovall property.
YEA: Anklaam, Morgan, Eckel, Garmon, Smith, Walker **MOTION CARRIED.**
2. **Discussion and action purchasing 2 new computers and server for the Village Hall**
Garmon stated that this was approved to do last fall and remembers it was to not exceed \$4500.00. He will get a new quote and put it on the agenda for next month.

Old Business

1. **Skate Park Committee Report**
Trustee Walker reported that we are waiting on the concrete to be done. Because of the rain it has slowed things down. Jess Concrete has quoted \$7500.00 which is less then we had originally planned. The ramp company has sent July 26 as the date they will be here to install the ramp. Jess Concrete said he could get it in the week to ten days before the 26th.
2. Clarification of deputy clerk compensation in the Village Clerk's absence – The motion last month was "at no additional pay". If Susan Gordon has to fill in for the Clerk after normal business hours, she should be paid at her hourly rate for the time worked. Clerk

Fair explained that what she read last month was that there would be no additional monthly pay but if Mrs. Gordon would need to fill in after hours she would be paid her hourly rate.

A **Motion** was made by Garmon and seconded by Anklaam to pay deputy clerk hourly rate if needed after normal business hours.

YEA: Morgan, Eckel, Garmon, Smith, Walker, Anklaam **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Discussion and action of lien on the property at 110 E State St. (John Renfro, owner)

Garmon stated that nothing was done while he was acting as mayor. Since there is a lien on the property our attorney has contacted Walker to see what the Village plans to do. Walker recommended that this is tabled until next month so we have time to get more information from the attorney. Eckel asked why we would need to do anything. Garmon responded that the court order was that it be torn down so we do have to do something. It was tabled.

Correspondence

1. Illinois Association of Realtors' newsletter
Clerk Fair read a letter from the Illinois Association of Realtors' regarding the newsletter that was given to each of the board members.

Minutes and action of Village Clerk

1. **Discussion and action on invoices**

A **Motion** was made by Smith and seconded by Eckel to pay approve the listed invoices.

YEA: Eckel, Garmon, Smith, Walker, Anklaam, Morgan **MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion and action on June 10, 2013 Public Hearing 2013-2014 Appropriations and Regular Board meeting minutes.

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Garmon to approve the June 10, 2013 Public Hearing & Regular Board meeting.

YEA: Garmon, Smith, Walker, Anklaam, Morgan, Eckel **MOTION CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report

1. **Discussion and action on June 2013 treasurer's report.**

There was no treasurer's report because Treasurer Stanley is out of the country until August 2nd and former Treasurer Bennett was to fill in for her but was called out of town for a funeral. Stanley will have the July report in August and the June and August reports ready in September. Each board member had the bank statements in their packets for review.

Department Reports

Presidents Report – by Jim Minor

The Village had the bank automatically transfer \$5,000 from the general fund to the bond fund for the ACH payment to the bond company. Since the Village only has one bond we can now reduce the transfer amount to \$2,000.

Water and Sewer Report

1. **Report – by Trustee Eckel**

1. Aerator was fixed at the sewer plant.
2. The holding tank by the water plant will be sand blasted and painted.
3. The water bill receipts – Eckel plans to talk to the billing clerk about it.

Parks and Special Projects

1. **Reports – by Trustee Garmon**

The park is looking very nice and it is being used by quite a few people.

1. Aggregation funds received amounted to \$748.28
2. Gaming tax funds received amounted to \$3,247.21

Police

1. **Report – by Trustee Anklaam**

1. **Police Report**

The part time officer's training is complete and they are ready to go on their own.

Expenses for the Dept. are as follows:

\$160.00 Virus removal /In car video

\$440.60 for Uniforms/badges/Equipment

\$ 61.98 telephone

\$523.00 Radar Cert / Radar repair

Tires have been installed the car still needs brakes

There was an ordinance violation of pool.

Hasn't had a chance to figure out the IMRF rates for the part-time as reported last month.

President Minor asked about a lock on the door for the police equipment. Walker would be able to install a lock.

Anklaam stated that there were old uniforms that were outdated and thought of donating them to the Little Theater.

2. **Animal Control Report**

There was a dog left outside after the death of its owner it was being fed by neighbors. The estate gave their permission to have the dog euthanized and sent \$61.25 for the cost of having it done. The dog was old, very weak

and full of fleas. 4 dogs were impounded, 1 cat relocated and 1 cat euthanized. There were a total of 16 calls for animal control.

Streets and Alleys

1. Report – by Trustee Smith

Motor Fuel fund is okay. The oiling was \$4000.00 short and Al Best drive will be done at a later date. Still have plenty of rock. The extra help from the part-time summer help has really come in handy.

Buildings and Grounds

1. Report - Trustee Walker

1. Update on the Virginia Drive right of way survey. – reported earlier
2. Discussion and action on additional funding for tree work due to storm damage.

Trees – a lot of the trees got removed by the storm. The Village had to call in a crane to remove some of the trees. The cost so far has been between \$1,000 and \$1,200 because of the storm. Walker would still like to remove some of the other trees marked for removal.

A **Motion** was made by Walker and seconded by Garmon to accept the Whispering Pines Tree Service bid for the tree removals not to exceed \$2,000.00.

YEA: Smith, Walker, Anklam, Morgan, Eckel, Garmon **MOTION CARRIED.**

Insurance

1. Report - Trustee Morgan

Received quote for next year's insurance with Guardian Insurance. It was the same as this past year.

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Anklam to accept the Guardian Insurance quote.

YEA: Walker, Anklam, Morgan, Eckel, Garmon, Smith **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Anklam to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

YEA: Anklam, Morgan, Eckel, Garmon, Smith, Walker **MOTION CARRIED.**



Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

August 5, 2013

Date Approved